Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'99/ Month'98	Comments
Manufacturing Shipments ($millions)	December			
Alberta	3,219	-0.1%	18.3%	For 1999 as a whole, Alberta's shipments were up 5.4%, from 1998. The largest gains were experienced in the petroleum and coal products (partially reflecting higher prices), furniture and paper products sectors. The largest losses have been in the machinery, transportation and metal fabricating sectors.
Canada	43,176	1.3%	9.7%	
Housing Starts	January			
Alberta - Urban	20,800	-2.8%	-2.4%	Alberta housing starts in January fell by 2.8% from December. The January start level of 20,800 is 3% higher than the 1999 monthly average.
Land Sales for Alberta (millions of dollars)	January 80.5	-20.2%	175.7%	Land sales totalled $80.5 million in January. This level follows land sales totalling $100.9 million in December, which was the highest monthly level since January 1998 ($110.8 million). In the first ten months of 1999-2000, land sales totalled $588.5 million, 46.5% higher than during the comparable period in 1998-99. The second quarter budget update projected land sales to total $615 million in 1999-2000.